Koorda Grants Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Name

The name of the committee is the Shire of Koorda Grants Committee.

2. Head of Power

The committee is established by Council under section 5.9(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995.*

3. Definitions

TERM	DEFINITION
Act	The *Local Government Act 1995*.
Council	The body consisting of all council members sitting formally as the Council of Shire of Koorda ("**the Shire**").
Chief Executive Officer	The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shire of Koorda.
Committee	Shire of Koorda Awards Committee.
Council Member	A person elected under the Act as a member of Council. Shire of Koorda council members include the Shire President, Deputy Shire President and Councillors (as defined by the Act).
External Member	A person who is not a council member appointed to the committee with requisite skills, knowledge and experience that compliment the committees objectives.
Member	A person appointed to this committee.

4. Objectives

The Committee is to oversee and make determinations on all matters associated with the Community Grants Scheme by;

a) Receiving and assessing grant applications for the Shire of Koorda Community Grants Program (CGP); and
b) Making a final determination on all grant applications received as part of the CGP.

5. Powers

The Committee is a formally appointed committee of Council and is responsible to that body.

The Committee has no delegated authority and no authority to implement its recommendations without resolution of Council.

The Committee does not have any management functions and cannot involve itself in management processes or procedures.

The Committee recommendations are advisory only and shall not be binding on Council.

6. Membership

The committee shall consist of three elected members, with a fourth elected member acting as a deputy.

The quorum for a Committee meeting is as per section 5.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*: at least 50% of members of the committee (whether vacant or not).

The Committee is supported by the Chief Executive Officer and their nominees, principally the Deputy CEO.

The Shire shall provide secretarial and administrative support to the Committee.

7. Presiding Member

The Committee is to determine the Presiding Member of the Committee at the first meeting of the Committee immediately following the establishment of the Committee or following each biennial local government election, whichever is applicable.

The Committee is to determine a Deputy Presiding Member of the Committee at the first meeting of the Committee immediately following the establishment of the Committee or following each biennial local government election, whichever is applicable.

If the Presiding Member is absent from a meeting, the Deputy Presiding Member is to preside at that meeting.

The role of the Presiding Member includes:

a) overseeing and facilitating the conduct of meetings in accordance with the Act and the Shire's *Standing Orders Local Law 2018*;
b) ensuring all Committee members have an opportunity to participate in discussions in an open and encouraging manner; and
c) where a matter has been debated significantly and no new information is being discussed, to call the meeting to order and ask for the debate to be finalised and the motion to be put.

In accordance with section 5.14 of the Act, if the Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member are not available or are unable or unwilling to perform the function of presiding member (but a quorum is still reached), then the committee members present at the meeting are to choose who is to preside at the meeting.

8. Meetings

The Committee will meet at least twice a year, generally in August and December, inline with the two rounds of the CGP. Round 1 being open 1 July to 31 July and Round 2 being open 1 November to 30 November.

Meetings of the Committee shall not be open to the public, however proceedings and records of the Committee are not confidential.

Decisions of the Committee shall be by simple majority.

An ordinary or a special meeting of the Committee is to be held:

a) if called for by either the Presiding Member or at least two Committee members in a notice to the CEO setting out the date and purpose of the proposed meeting; or
b) if so decided by the Committee; or
c) if called for by Council.

The Committee may invite, through the CEO, Shire employees, or others to attend meetings and provide pertinent information, where necessary.

9. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting shall be recorded and prepared as per the provisions of section 5.22 of the Act.

The content of the minutes shall be in accordance with regulation 11 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.

10. Reporting

Recommendations recorded in the minutes arising from the Committee's deliberations shall be presented to the earliest available ordinary meeting of Council.

In the event of a tied vote, where the Presiding Member has exercised a casting vote, the matter will be referred to Council for deliberation.

11. Terms of Appointment

Appointment to the Committee will be determined by the Council following ordinary local government elections, for a term to expire on the date of the subsequent ordinary local government elections.

If a member of the Committee resigns prior to an ordinary local government election, Council will appoint a replacement.

12. Code of Conduct

The Shire's Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates applies to all members of the Committee.

13. Voting

Shall be in accordance with section 5.21 of the Act.

Each voting member of the Committee present at a meeting is entitled to one vote and are required to vote, subject to the provisions of the Act regarding interests.

In the event of a tied vote, the Presiding Member will have a casting vote.

14. Alterations to Terms of Reference

The Committee is to conduct a review of its terms of reference providing Council with recommendations for any changes, in the first instance after twelve months of operation, with subsequent reviews to be held every two years prior to the local government ordinary election.

15. Termination of Committee

Termination of the Committee shall be at the discretion of Council and in accordance with the Act.

Review History

Date	Council Resolution	Description of review/amendment
DD/MM/YY	RES:	Terms of Reference Adopted
23/10/2023	RES: 191023	Committee Established